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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

~~if a recipient identifier in an e-mail does not comprise an e-mail address,  
removing the recipient identifier from the e-mail, printing the e-mail, and printing a street  
address associated with the recipient identifier on an envelope.~~

removing a recipient identifier from an e-mail, printing the e-mail, and printing a  
street address associated with the recipient identifier on an envelope if a recipient  
identifier in the e-mail does not comprise an e-mail address;

retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail if the recipient identifier comprises  
an e-mail address;

sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address; and

sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail after the  
removing.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

obtaining the street address from an address book, wherein an entry in the address  
book is associated with the recipient identifier.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the recipient identifier comprises the street  
address.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
printing postage on the envelope.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining whether to perform the removing, the printing the e-mail, and the  
printing the street addressed based on an option associated with the address book.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

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means for removing a recipient identifier from an e-mail, printing the e-mail, and printing a street address associated with the recipient identifier on an envelope if the recipient identifier does not comprise an e-mail ~~address; address; and~~

means for retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail if the recipient identifier comprises the e-mail ~~address; address;~~

means for sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address; and

means sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail after the means for removing.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for obtaining the street address from an address book, wherein an entry in the address book is associated with the recipient identifier.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the recipient identifier comprises the street address.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for printing postage on the envelope.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

means for determining whether to perform the removing, the printing the e-mail, and the printing the street address based on an option associated with the address book.

11. (Currently amended) A ~~signal-bearing~~storage medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

removing a recipient identifier from an e-mail, printing the e-mail, and printing a street address associated with the recipient identifier on an envelope if the recipient identifier in the e-mail does not comprise an e-mail address;

retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail if the recipient identifier comprises the e-mail ~~address; and~~address;

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sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address; and  
sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail after the  
removing.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

obtaining the street address from an address book, wherein an entry in the address book is associated with the recipient identifier.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~storage medium of claim 11, wherein the recipient identifier comprises the street address.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

printing postage on the envelope.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~storage medium of claim 14, further comprising:

subtracting a cost of the postage from an account associated with an originator of the e-mail.

16. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising:

a processor; and

memory encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

removing a recipient identifier from an e-mail, printing the e-mail, and

printing a street address associated with the recipient identifier on an envelope if a recipient identifier in the e-mail does not comprise an e-mail address,

retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail if the recipient identifier comprises an e-mail address,

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sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address,  
sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail  
after the removing, and  
determining whether to perform the removing, the printing the e-mail, and  
the printing the street addressed based on an option associated with an address  
book.

17. (Original) The computer system of claim 16, wherein the instructions further  
comprise:

obtaining the street address from the address book, wherein an entry in the  
address book is associated with the recipient identifier.

18. (Original) The computer system of claim 16, wherein the recipient identifier  
comprises the street address.

19. (Original) The computer system of claim 16, wherein the instructions further  
comprise:

printing postage on the envelope.

20. (Original) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the instructions further  
comprise:

subtracting a cost of the postage from an account associated with an originator of  
the e-mail.

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